

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

THIRD DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL BANQUET

South Bend, Indiana

June 28, 1976

I am delighted to be here in South Bend tonight to participate in the Third District Congressional Banquet.

It is a particular privilege to meet with you here at the pinnacle of American higher education, the pride and joy of millions of Americans, the University of Notre Dame.

But let me quickly add that the "Fighting Irish" are the thorn in the side of every aspiring politician who must be seen on national television rooting for his own State University and against Notre Dame. If there was ever a time to lay low in politics that is surely it.

Most of all, I am honored to have been asked to speak with you tonight by one of the outstanding leaders in the Congress, my good friend, John Brademas.

Being here this evening at Notre Dame with this fine audience and such distinguished guests as Father Hesburgh and Ara Parseghian makes me appreciate how fitting it is that John Brademas speaks on your behalf in Congress.

A quality constituency deserves quality representation, and in John Brademas you have the best.

First and foremost, Congressman Brademas has never forgotten that his purpose in Washington is to serve the people of the Third District of Indiana.

He has been your voice and your champion in Washington since 1958. He always has worked hard in Washington to see that the people of his district receive their fair share of Federal dollars and that their problems with Washington are resolved.

When Studebaker closed its doors, it was John Brademas who brought the White House to South Bend to revitalize the economy of your community. And it was your Congressman who championed pension reform designed to protect workers from the disastrous loss of pensions that occurred at Studebaker. John Brademas recently has helped AM General Corporation land both Postal Service and Mass Transit Bus contracts.

Your Congressman also has achieved a record in Washington in which you can take great pride.

-- As a leader on education, John Brademas has worked to give many Americans the opportunity to receive an education, who would otherwise never have had that chance.

-- As an outspoken advocate of integrity in government, John Brademas has authored major sections of our campaign reform laws.

-- As a member of the Majority leadership in the House, John Brademas is recognized by his peers for his great ability and hard work.

John Brademas has proven beyond a doubt that he deserves to remain your Congressman.

This year it is more important than ever that we put practical, active leaders to work for the nation -- men and women with a vision of the future of this country and the guts to get the job done.

As Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress, I have conducted a two year intensive examination of all aspects of the U.S. economy.

There is good news, and there is some that is not so good.

I am encouraged by what I believe to be the basic strength of our economic system. U.S. participation in world markets is increasing, and we have a basically healthy system for economic growth and stability.

But what disturbs me -- and it should disturb you -- is that millions of Americans are not benefiting from our economic system. This undermines this basic strength that I see in our economy.

The ultimate strength of our economy will depend on the participation of all our citizens. The people are the strength of our economic system -- their labor, their ingenuity, and their expertise. And our failure to allow some to participate robs all Americans of the kind of economic future that is within our grasp if we but make the effort.

I am convinced that we have the tools to bring about total economic integration and participation in this country.

I want to share with you my thoughts on two critical components of an economic agenda for America in the last quarter of the 20th century -- urban revitalization and full employment.

First, we must demand from our leaders a commitment to save America's cities.

Our great cities are in danger of financial and spiritual ruin -- these vital, throbbing centers of commerce, communications, transportation and entertainment that have supported this nation and made us great.

In recent years, an unthinking Administration has allowed our cities to come to the brink of disaster, and the response has been, at best, benign.

Our cities simply can't wait any longer for a positive commitment. I have said before that neglect of the cities works a terrible discrimination against the millions of people who live there.

Make no mistake about it: by the end of this century this nation will have over 250 million inhabitants. And 85 percent of them will be living in cities with populations of 50,000 or more. We are talking about the future of more than four out of five American citizens.

We are talking about the future of almost all our children and grandchildren. And yet there are some who want to retreat and say to the cities, in effect: You're on your own.

I have an entirely different message.

I believe that a massive commitment to our cities is needed -- a commitment that possesses all the scope, the vision, the financial backing, and the spirit of the Marshall Plan. In that program, we put our strength and our resources on the line, and we rebuilt the cities of Germany, Italy, and England -- to the wonder and admiration of the world.

Now, do you mean to tell me that we can't make the same effort to rebuild our own cities, right here in the United States?

Of course we can. Through a three-part program of economic recovery, physical rehabilitation, and institutional reform, we can make our cities livable and prosperous.

We can make them symbols of hope and opportunity, instead of despair and indifference.

Where they have been crumbling and dying, we can build and prosper.

Where there has been filth and infestation, we can make them clean and healthy.

Where our people are intimidated by crime and vandalism, we can recapture a sense of community and brotherhood.

We can accomplish these things -- and this must be a primary goal of our economic agenda.

A second element of our agenda -- and vital to the economic health of all Americans -- must be the establishment of a national full employment policy that guarantees to every American who is willing and able to work a decent job at a decent wage.

There can be no economic stability with burning high unemployment. The Joint Economic Committee has estimated that each one percent reduction in the unemployment rate would reduce welfare costs to the Federal government by \$1.5 to \$2 billion and save \$2.5 to \$3 billion in unemployment compensation benefits.

If we moved from an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent to even 4 percent, we could reduce expenditures by as much as \$17 billion at the Federal level alone.

For each one percent of unemployment you lose \$14 billion in revenues. That's the problem in our Federal budget.

Once you clear away all the bunk and the political diatribe, the central fact is that lost revenues because of joblessness are the major cause of budget deficits.

In 1975, state and local governments lost \$27 billion because of unemployment.

And it is estimated that by 1980, we will have lost \$1 trillion in production because of excessive unemployment.

That is money that will never appear in anyone's paycheck -- money that cannot be taxed -- money that cannot be used to buy goods and services that can keep business alive and the economy thriving.

But this is just the formal economic aspect of unemployment.

What concerns me even more is the social cost of sustained high unemployment -- the spiritual, emotional and physical destruction that lies in the wake of excessive joblessness.

It is this aspect that threatens our nation from within. Unemployment and official neglect of its victims are a cancer in America that must be arrested.

Until every American has a productive part to play in this society -- until each citizen can be involved through the sweat of his own work -- he or she will not feel a part of our national life.

I am convinced that most Americans who are able to work would rather have a paycheck than a welfare check.

Time and time again -- in our hearings before the Joint Economic Committee, I have been touched by the sad, anguished stories related to us by people who want so much to contribute to our nation.

It is no mere coincidence that the number of Americans living in poverty in the 1960's was reduced by 14 million while the unemployment rate dropped from an average of 6.7 percent in 1961 to 3.6 percent in 1968. We worked hard to achieve those goals.

But in 1974, the number of individuals living in poverty increased by 1.3 million. I shudder to think what the 1975 figures will show with the jobless rate last year jumping upwards to 9 percent.

The facts are clear.

We will not bring about a reduction in crime until we put people to work.

We will not straighten out the welfare mess while unemployment remains at 7, 8 or 9 million people.

We will not see any improvement in mental health or a reduction in alcoholism and drug abuse until people are working.

And no matter how well big business fares, you won't find real economic stability until the majority of Americans are working and producing -- able to buy goods and services and purchase homes.

Congressman Augustus Hawkins and I have introduced legislation that I believe to be among the most critical of my legislative career. The Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1976 can help to move us toward true economic freedom and stability for all Americans. I urge you to give it your support.

In this Bicentennial year our people are asking what legacy we will leave to future generations, and they are remembering the kind of goals that were important to the first Americans.

Our forebearers asserted the inalienable rights of people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

They sought to create a new society that would stand for nothing less than a full measure of human freedom and opportunity.

Those are great ambitions. They challenge all of us to consider the kind of America that our children and grandchildren will inherit.

Will they live in a society which refuses to see that adequate health care is available to all?

Will they grow to adulthood without knowing the value of work, because we have too few jobs for them?

Will they learn only to distrust Government and to ask less of themselves in the process?

Will they live in an America that forgets its poor -- its needy -- its less fortunate?

They will not -- if we have the courage to live up to our beliefs.

If we believe in work and a productive America, then our government must be committed to full employment that assures decent jobs at decent wages. Work, not welfare -- paychecks, not the dole.

If we believe in the right of every American to a full life, then we need a national health care system that provides quality health care to all.

If we believe in our cities, we must have a program that replaces slums with decent homes and make home ownership a reality for the working people of America once again. We will produce one million fewer homes this year than we must have to meet our national housing goals.

If we believe in ending prejudice, then we must see that equal opportunity reaches into every aspect of American life.

If we believe in our young people, than let us champion the cause of education.

If we love and respect our senior citizens, then let us assure them of generous and decent care.

And, if we believe in the future of America, we must see that men and women guided by a sense of vision and fairness are elected to lead our nation. People like John Brademas with the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to pursue it.

You know we must dream -- we have to promise -- for it is the effort to fulfill promises that has brought progress under the constitutional system whose longevity we celebrate in 1976.

I believe you can tell a great deal about a society by looking at the nature of its promises.

And the American promise is a reaffirmation of the God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our government was created to secure these rights, not to equivocate or bargain them away. The government exists not to do the minimum for its citizens -- but to guarantee by every means necessary that citizens have the opportunity to do everything of which they are capable.

We can make good on these promises. We can make the future ours.

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X Mrs Paul Butlin

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John Brademus - 3rd Dist
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Mrs Beatrice Brademus -

JUNE 28, 1976

"Digger" Phelps
(Basketball)

Ara Parseghian

~~John~~ Armstrong - chr. citizen

Father Hesburg

Rev Joseph Balsley - co-ch
citizen for Brad

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN SOUTH BEND TONIGHT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE THIRD DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL BANQUET.

IT IS A PARTICULAR PRIVILEGE TO MEET WITH YOU HERE AT THE
PINNACLE OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION, THE PRIDE AND JOY OF
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME.

BUT LET ME QUICKLY ADD THAT THE "FIGHTING IRISH" ARE THE THORN
IN THE SIDE OF EVERY ASPIRING POLITICIAN WHO MUST BE SEEN ON NATIONAL
TELEVISION ROOTING FOR HIS OWN STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGAINST NOTRE
DAME. IF THERE WAS EVER A TIME TO LAY LOW IN POLITICS THAT IS

SURELY IT.

MOST OF ALL, I AM HONORED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK WITH
YOU TONIGHT BY ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS, MY

GOOD FRIEND, JOHN BRADEMAS.

John Brademas

(1958) I came elected 1948

Father Hesburgh Ara Parseghian
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BEING HERE THIS EVENING AT NOTRE DAME ~~WITH THIS FINE AUDIENCE~~
wish
AND SUCH DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AS FATHER HESBURGH AND ARA PARSEGHIAN

MAKES ME APPRECIATE HOW FITTING IT IS THAT JOHN BRADEMAS SPEAKS ON
YOUR BEHALF IN CONGRESS.

A QUALITY CONSTITUENCY DESERVES QUALITY REPRESENTATION, AND IN
JOHN BRADEMAS YOU HAVE THE BEST.

*Let me tell you
about John-*

FIRST AND FOREMOST, CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN

THAT HIS PURPOSE IN WASHINGTON IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE THIRD
DISTRICT OF INDIANA.

HE HAS BEEN YOUR VOICE AND YOUR CHAMPION IN WASHINGTON SINCE

1958 HE ALWAYS HAS WORKED HARD IN WASHINGTON TO SEE THAT THE

PEOPLE OF HIS DISTRICT RECEIVE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF FEDERAL

DOLLARS AND THAT THEIR PROBLEMS WITH WASHINGTON ARE RESOLVED.

L WHEN STUDEBAKER CLOSED ITS DOORS, IT WAS JOHN BRADEMAS WHO
help
BROUGHT THE WHITE HOUSE TO SOUTH BEND TO REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY

OF YOUR COMMUNITY. L AND IT WAS YOUR CONGRESSMAN WHO CHAMPIONED

PENSION REFORM DESIGNED TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM THE DISASTROUS

LOSS OF PENSIONS THAT OCCURRED AT STUDEBAKER. It is JOHN BRADEMAS who

Amer. Motors
RECENTLY HAS HELPED AM GENERAL CORPORATION LAND BOTH POSTAL

SERVICE AND MASS TRANSIT BUS CONTRACTS. !! John works for you!

L YOUR CONGRESSMAN ALSO HAS ACHIEVED A RECORD IN WASHINGTON IN

WHICH YOU CAN TAKE GREAT PRIDE, (Record)

Edue -- AS A LEADER ON EDUCATION, JOHN BRADEMAS HAS WORKED TO GIVE
MANY AMERICANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION, WHO WOULD

OTHERWISE NEVER HAVE HAD THAT CHANCE. - Elementary,

Secondary - Higher Educ. - Voc Ed -

ⓧ The Arts + Humanities - John a leader

Principal + Morality in Foreign Policy
-4- Against John Brademas.

L- AS AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE OF INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT, JOHN

BRADEMAS HAS AUTHORED MAJOR SECTIONS OF OUR CAMPAIGN REFORM LAWS.

Leadership

L- AS A MEMBER OF THE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE, JOHN

BRADEMAS IS RECOGNIZED BY HIS PEERS FOR HIS GREAT ABILITY AND

HARD WORK.

L- JOHN BRADEMAS HAS PROVEN BEYOND A DOUBT THAT HE DESERVES TO
REMAIN YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

~~THIS YEAR IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE PUT PRACTICAL,
ACTIVE LEADERS TO WORK FOR THE NATION -- MEN AND WOMEN WITH A VISION
OF THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE GUTS TO GET THE JOB DONE.~~

L- AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS,
I HAVE CONDUCTED A TWO YEAR INTENSIVE EXAMINATION OF ALL ASPECTS
OF THE U.S. ECONOMY.

The Economy -

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L THERE IS GOOD NEWS, AND THERE IS SOME THAT IS NOT SO GOOD.

L I AM ENCOURAGED BY WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE BASIC STRENGTH

OF OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM. L U.S. PARTICIPATION IN WORLD MARKETS

IS INCREASING, AND WE HAVE A BASICALLY HEALTHY SYSTEM FOR ECONOMIC

GROWTH AND STABILITY.

L BUT WHAT DISTURBS ME -- AND IT SHOULD DISTURB YOU -- IS THAT

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE NOT BENEFITING FROM OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

They are suffering from inflation and unemployment.
L THIS UNDERMINES THIS BASIC STRENGTH THAT I SEE IN OUR ECONOMY.

L THE ULTIMATE STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY WILL DEPEND ON THE

PARTICIPATION OF ALL OUR CITIZENS. L THE PEOPLE ARE THE STRENGTH

OF OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM -- THEIR LABOR, THEIR INGENUITY, AND

THEIR EXPERTISE. L AND OUR FAILURE TO ALLOW SOME TO PARTICIPATE

ROBS ALL AMERICANS OF THE KIND OF ECONOMIC FUTURE THAT IS WITHIN

OUR GRASP IF WE BUT MAKE THE EFFORT.

⑩ Find in Puerto Rico - Dorado Beach
3070 unemp. poverty

L I AM CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO BRING ABOUT TOTAL
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON TWO CRITICAL COMPONENTS
OF AN ECONOMIC AGENDA FOR AMERICA IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THE 20TH
CENTURY -- URBAN REVITALIZATION AND FULL EMPLOYMENT @

6 FIRST, WE MUST DEMAND FROM OUR LEADERS A COMMITMENT TO SAVE
AMERICA'S CITIES. to make them liveable and

economically sound

L OUR GREAT CITIES ARE IN DANGER OF FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL

RUIN -- THESE VITAL, THROBBING CENTERS OF COMMERCE, COMMUNICATIONS,

TRANSPORTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THIS NATION

AND MADE US GREAT. @

L IN RECENT YEARS, ^{and insensate} AN UNTHINKING ADMINISTRATION HAS ALLOWED OUR

CITIES TO COME TO THE BRINK OF DISASTER, AND THE RESPONSE HAS

BEEN, AT BEST, ~~DEFICIENT~~ weak, Timid, Late and too little

OUR CITIES SIMPLY CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR A POSITIVE
COMMITMENT. ~~I HAVE SAID BEFORE THAT~~ ^{The} NEGLECT OF THE CITIES WORKS

A TERRIBLE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE

THERE-

*The Blacks, the Puerto Rican, the Chicago
the low income, the Handicapped, the youth
the Elderly.*

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY THIS

NATION WILL HAVE OVER 250 MILLION INHABITANTS. AND 85 PERCENT

OF THEM WILL BE LIVING IN CITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 50,000

when most of cities, are
OR MORE. ~~WE~~ ARE TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MORE THAN FOUR

OUT OF FIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ALMOST ALL OUR CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN. ~~BLACK AND WHITE ALIKE~~ AND YET THERE ARE

SOME WHO WANT TO RETREAT AND SAY TO THE CITIES, IN EFFECT: "YOU'RE
ON YOUR OWN."

I HAVE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MESSAGE.

I BELIEVE THAT A MASSIVE COMMITMENT TO OUR CITIES IS NEEDED --

A COMMITMENT THAT POSSESSES ALL THE SCOPE, THE VISION, THE

FINANCIAL BACKING, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE MARSHALL PLAN. / IN THAT

PROGRAM, WE PUT OUR STRENGTH AND OUR RESOURCES ON THE LINE,

AND WE REBUILT THE CITIES OF GERMANY, ITALY, AND ENGLAND -- TO

THE WONDER AND ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD.

Now, DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT WE CAN'T MAKE THE SAME EFFORT

TO REBUILD OUR OWN CITIES, RIGHT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

OF COURSE WE CAN. / THROUGH A THREE-PART PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC

RECOVERY, PHYSICAL REHABILITATION, AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM, WE

CAN MAKE OUR CITIES LIVABLE AND PROSPEROUS.

*can you imagine
what one is
defenceless for
cities would do..!*

WE CAN MAKE THEM SYMBOLS OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY, INSTEAD OF

DESPAIR AND ~~INDIFFERENCE~~ *Poverty*

WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN CRUMBLING AND DYING, WE CAN BUILD AND
PROSPER.

WHERE THERE HAS BEEN FILTH AND INFESTATION, WE CAN MAKE THEM
CLEAN AND HEALTHY.

WHERE OUR PEOPLE ARE INTIMIDATED BY CRIME AND VANDALISM, WE CAN
RECAPTURE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND BROTHERHOOD.

WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THESE THINGS -- AND THIS MUST BE A PRIMARY
GOAL OF OUR ECONOMIC AGENDA.

#2 A SECOND ELEMENT OF OUR AGENDA -- AND VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC
HEALTH OF ALL AMERICANS -- MUST BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL
FULL EMPLOYMENT POLICY THAT GUARANTEES TO EVERY AMERICAN WHO IS
WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK A DECENT JOB AT A DECENT WAGE.

THERE CAN BE NO ECONOMIC STABILITY WITH ~~VERY~~ ^{costly} HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT.

THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS ESTIMATED THAT EACH ONE PERCENT

REDUCTION IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WOULD REDUCE WELFARE COSTS TO

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY \$1.5 TO \$2 BILLION AND SAVE \$2.5 TO \$3

BILLION IN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

*Each 1%
costs 16 Billion
in Revenue*

IF WE MOVED FROM AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 7.3 PERCENT TO EVEN

4 PERCENT, WE COULD REDUCE EXPENDITURES BY AS MUCH AS \$17 BILLION

AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ALONE.

and FOR EACH ONE PERCENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT YOU LOSE \$14 BILLION IN
REVENUES. THAT'S THE PROBLEM IN OUR FEDERAL BUDGET.

ONCE YOU CLEAR AWAY ALL THE BUNK AND THE POLITICAL DIATRIBE,
THE CENTRAL FACT IS THAT LOST REVENUES BECAUSE OF JOBLESSNESS ARE
THE MAJOR CAUSE OF BUDGET DEFICITS.

L IN 1975, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS LOST \$27 BILLION BECAUSE
OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

2 AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY 1980, WE WILL HAVE LOST \$1 TRILLION
IN PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT.

4 THAT IS MONEY THAT WILL NEVER APPEAR IN ANYONE'S PAYCHECK --
MONEY THAT CANNOT BE TAXED -- MONEY THAT CANNOT BE USED TO BUY GOODS
AND SERVICES THAT CAN KEEP BUSINESS ALIVE AND THE ECONOMY THRIVING.

4 BUT THIS IS JUST THE FORMAL ECONOMIC ASPECT OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

WHAT CONCERNS ME EVEN MORE IS THE SOCIAL COST OF SUSTAINED
HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT -- THE SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL
DESTRUCTION THAT LIES IN THE WAKE OF EXCESSIVE JOBLESSNESS.

Crime
Disease
Suicide

4 IT IS THIS ASPECT THAT THREATENS OUR NATION FROM WITHIN.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND OFFICIAL NEGLECT OF ITS VICTIMS ARE A CANCER IN
AMERICA THAT MUST BE ARRESTED.

(John Stuart Mill)

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UNTIL EVERY AMERICAN HAS A PRODUCTIVE PART TO PLAY IN THIS
SOCIETY -- UNTIL EACH CITIZEN CAN BE INVOLVED THROUGH THE SWEAT OF
HIS OWN WORK -- HE OR SHE WILL NOT FEEL A PART OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

I AM CONVINCED THAT MOST AMERICANS WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK WOULD
RATHER HAVE A PAYCHECK THAN A WELFARE CHECK.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN -- IN OUR HEARINGS BEFORE THE JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, I HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY THE SAD, ANGUISHED
STORIES RELATED TO US BY PEOPLE WHO WANT SO MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE
TO OUR NATION.

IT IS NO MERE COINCIDENCE THAT THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS LIVING
IN POVERTY IN THE 1960'S WAS REDUCED BY 14 MILLION WHILE THE
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPED FROM AN AVERAGE OF 6.7 PERCENT IN 1961
TO 3.6 PERCENT IN 1968. WE WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.

✓ BUT IN 1974, THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN POVERTY
INCREASED BY 1.3 MILLION. ✓ I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT THE 1975 FIGURES
WILL SHOW WITH THE JOBLESS RATE LAST YEAR JUMPING UPWARDS TO
9 PERCENT.

✓ THE FACTS ARE CLEAR.

✓ WE WILL NOT BRING ABOUT A REDUCTION IN CRIME UNTIL WE PUT
PEOPLE TO WORK.

✓ WE WILL NOT STRAIGHTEN OUT THE WELFARE MESS WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT
REMAINS AT 7, 8 OR 9 MILLION PEOPLE.

✓ WE WILL NOT SEE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH OR A REDUCTION
IN ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE UNTIL PEOPLE ARE WORKING.

✓ AND NO MATTER HOW WELL BIG BUSINESS FARES, YOU WON'T FIND REAL
ECONOMIC STABILITY UNTIL all ~~THE MAJORITY OF~~ AMERICANS ARE WORKING AND
PRODUCING -- ABLE TO BUY GOODS AND SERVICES AND PURCHASE HOMES.

CONGRESSMAN AUGUSTUS HAWKINS AND I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION
THAT I BELIEVE TO BE AMONG THE MOST CRITICAL OF MY LEGISLATIVE
CAREER. THE FULL EMPLOYMENT AND BALANCED GROWTH ACT OF 1976
CAN HELP TO MOVE US TOWARD TRUE ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND STABILITY FOR
ALL AMERICANS. I URGE YOU TO GIVE IT YOUR SUPPORT.

IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR OUR PEOPLE ARE ASKING WHAT LEGACY
WE WILL LEAVE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND THEY ARE REMEMBERING THE
KIND OF GOALS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO THE FIRST AMERICANS.

OUR FOREBEARERS ASSERTED THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO
LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

*They drew to
Pioneer, to promise -
Optimism - faith*

THEY SOUGHT TO CREATE A NEW SOCIETY THAT WOULD STAND FOR
NOTHING LESS THAN A FULL MEASURE OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY.

What a magnificent Promise!

L THOSE ARE GREAT AMBITIONS, L THEY CHALLENGE ALL OF US TO

CONSIDER THE KIND OF AMERICA THAT OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

WILL INHERIT.

We need to ask some questions.

L WILL THEY LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHICH REFUSES TO SEE THAT

ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL?

L WILL THEY GROW TO ADULTHOOD WITHOUT KNOWING THE VALUE OF WORK,

BECAUSE WE HAVE TOO FEW JOBS FOR THEM?

L WILL THEY LEARN ONLY TO DISTRUST GOVERNMENT AND TO ASK LESS
OF THEMSELVES IN THE PROCESS?

L WILL THEY LIVE IN AN AMERICA THAT FORGETS ITS POOR -- ITS
NEEDY -- ITS LESS FORTUNATE?

They need not and
they will not

IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO LIVE UP TO OUR

BELIEFS. *our values.*

h IF WE BELIEVE IN WORK AND A PRODUCTIVE AMERICA, THEN OUR
GOVERNMENT MUST BE COMMITTED TO FULL EMPLOYMENT THAT ASSURES

DECENT JOBS AT DECENT WAGES. h WORK, NOT WELFARE -- PAYCHECKS,

NOT THE DOLEo

h IF WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO A FULL LIFE,
THEN WE NEED A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES QUALITY
HEALTH CARE TO ALL.

h IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR CITIES, WE MUST HAVE A PROGRAM THAT
REPLACES SLUMS WITH DECENT HOMES AND MAKES HOME OWNERSHIP A
REALITY FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE OF AMERICA ONCE AGAIN. ~~WE WILL~~
PRODUCE ONE MILLION FEWER HOMES THIS YEAR THAN WE MUST HAVE TO
MEET OUR NATIONAL HOUSING GOALS.

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L IF WE BELIEVE IN ENDING PREJUDICE, THEN WE MUST SEE THAT

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REACHES INTO EVERY ASPECT OF AMERICAN LIFE.

From the School, to the factory, to the ~~city~~ government

IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, THAN LET US CHAMPION

THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

L IF WE LOVE AND RESPECT OUR SENIOR CITIZENS, THEN LET US ASSURE

THEM OF GENEROUS AND DECENT CARE.

L AND, IF WE BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE OF AMERICA, WE MUST SEE

THAT MEN AND WOMEN GUIDED BY A SENSE OF VISION AND FAIRNESS ARE

ELECTED TO LEAD OUR NATION. PEOPLE LIKE JOHN BRADENAS WITH THE

WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND THE COURAGE TO PURSUE IT.

L YOU KNOW WE MUST DREAM -- WE HAVE TO PROMISE -- FOR IT IS THE

EFFORT TO FULFILL PROMISES THAT HAS BROUGHT PROGRESS UNDER THE

CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM WHOSE *Birthday* ~~LONGEVITY~~ WE CELEBRATE IN 1976.

L I BELIEVE YOU CAN TELL A GREAT DEAL ABOUT A SOCIETY BY
LOOKING AT THE NATURE OF ITS PROMISES.

L AND THE AMERICAN PROMISE IS A REAFFIRMATION OF THE GOD-GIVEN
RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

L OUR GOVERNMENT WAS CREATED TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS, NOT TO
EQUIVOCATE OR BARGAIN THEM AWAY. THE GOVERNMENT EXISTS NOT TO
DO THE MINIMUM FOR ITS CITIZENS -- BUT TO GUARANTEE BY EVERY
MEANS NECESSARY THAT CITIZENS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO
EVERYTHING OF WHICH THEY ARE CAPABLE.

L WE CAN MAKE GOOD ON THESE PROMISES. L WE CAN MAKE THE FUTURE
OURS. ~~BUT THE STRUGGLE IS NOT FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED.~~



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